

REMARKS

Applicants thanks the Examiner for taking the time on May 22, 2003 to discuss the amendment mailed on April 22, 2002. As requested, Applicants have further amended claims 1 and 16 to specify that "the donor and acceptor chromophore are in an energy transfer relationship that substantially eliminates secondary quenching." Support for these amendments can be found in the specification at, e.g., page 21, line 32 – page 22, line 9. Therefore, these amendments have been made without the addition of new matter.

With these amendments and comments, applicant believes that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action on the merits of the claims is earnestly solicited. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-0639 for the three-month extension fee and any additional fees that may be required.


Respectfully submitted,

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